

MEMORANDUM

To: Participants in the Electric Affordability Collaborative

From: Susan Hudson, Clerk of the Board

Re: Follow up on the August 8, 2006, workshop

Date: August 23, 2006

The purpose of this memo is follow up on the August 8, 2006, Electric Affordability Collaborative workshop, and to provide further detail on the future sessions.

The August 8 workshop included two presentations: one by Scott Anderson of Central Vermont Public Service Corporation (CVPS) on Public Service Board (PSB) Docket 5308 and on the New Hampshire electric assistance program; the other by John Howat, consultant to AARP, on models of electric assistance programs in other states. The slides from the two presentations are posted on the Board's website for the Electric Affordability Collaborative (<http://www.state.vt.us/psb/document/ElectricInitiatives/Act208/Act208Main.htm>).

Presentations for the August 25 workshop have been posted on the website. Please review them prior to the workshop and bring a hard copy if you wish to have one. The workshop will be held in the PSB Hearing Room from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

Several follow-up items were identified during the workshop. They are listed as follows along with the individuals or groups that volunteered to provide information:

- Suggestions for links to sites that contain information on the New Hampshire program (no volunteer identified)
- Empirical evidence on the correlation between income and electricity use (John Howat and Scott Anderson)
- Docket 5308 data requests to utilities regarding costs of customer service and administration for credit and collections (Sharon Allen)
- Arrearage data from the recent PSB survey of utilities (Deena Frankel)

Topics were identified for the remaining workshops. Where responsibility for presentations on the topics were identified, they are listed below. Where no assignment is listed, assignments will be made at the August 25 workshop.

- August 25: Energy efficiency programs serving low income customers (Jim Massie, Efficiency Vermont)
 Energy assistance in Vermont (Pam Dalley, Department of Children and Families)
- September 15: Income information/economic data (AARP); disconnection data (DPS);
 disconnection fee information (DPS); utility arrearage data (PSB)
- September 28: 10(b) study (DPS); program design; funding mechanisms
- October 17: Program administration, screening and enrollment processes; arrearage forgiveness

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